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Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services
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Flo Stein, Chief

August 18, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: LME Directors
FROM: Flo Stein, Section Chief
Community Policy Management
THROUGH: Leza Wainwright
RE: Statewide Substance Abuse Prevention Program
Monitoring and Evaluation System

As we discussed at last week's LME director's meeting and on the August Substance Abuse (SA) point of contact call, the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services is preparing to implement a statewide Substance Abuse Prevention Program Monitoring and Evaluation System. This system will allow a more effective collection of data relevant to the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. The Division is contracting with Knowledge Based Information Technology Solutions (KITS), a vendor based in Pittsburgh, to provide the system free of cost to all LMEs and prevention providers.

The system will allow prevention staff to:

- Measure service impact and performance outcomes on a consistent basis
- Improve decision making based on increased knowledge of prevention services
- Implement evidence based strategies for programs
- Track funding and satisfy all grant reporting requirements
- Improve the management of information, communications, and business process

The current system is tailored from a web-native platform, hosted on KITS Solution's servers and is being tailored for North Carolina's needs. The flexibility of a Web Service enables providers and LMEs to meet their current demands for data and will eventually eliminate the current paper reporting requirements for the prevention portion of the *Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant* and *Safe and Drug Free Schools* grants as it will allow the state to access standardized reports online.

Each LME's Substance Abuse Prevention Director, Substance Abuse Points of Contact, Information Technology staff, and Quality Management Directors or any other representative you choose, should attend a meeting at the Royal Conference Center, meeting facility of the North Carolina Council on



Community Programs, located at 3801 Hillsborough Street in **Raleigh on September 4, 2008 from 10:00am – 1:00p.m.** The website for the meeting facility is www.theroyalbanquet.com. Lunch will be provided.

During this time, LME staff will have the opportunity to view the system's features, assess the benefits it will provide and give the Division feedback on the implementation process. Please RSVP by the 25th of August, to the prevention team at (919) 715-5989 or you may email sonji.farrell@ncmail.net or fax the form below to (919) 715-2360.

Thank you for your participation and continued involvement in addressing prevention services in your area. Please don't hesitate to contact me regarding any comments.

Cc: Dempsey Benton, Secretary
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Response Form for Prevention Data Set Training, September 4, 2008

Name of LME: _____

Expected Participants:

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>
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Please RSVP by August 25, 2008

